

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOING THE BOIL WATER ORDER PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

(e-coli)

Notification Procedure for Non-Community Systems (Examples: restaurants, campgrounds, schools, offices, etc.)

Post the Drinking Water Notice *immediately* in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system until the Boil Order is rescinded by the Bureau of Health .

In addition, within ten (10) days...send this office

- **A copy of the Drinking Water Notice as it was posted**
- **A copy of the completed Certification form.**

The presence of fecal coliform and/or E. coli bacteria in your water constitutes an imminent public health hazard. Federal and State Regulations (40 CFR 141.32; M.R.S.A. 10-144 Chapter 231 Section 7) require that you issue the enclosed Public Notification immediately. If the population served does not speak English as a primary language, the notice must be multi-lingual.

Maine Law 22 M.R.S.A. § 2617 and 10-144 CMR 231 (1C) provides for a fine of up to \$750 per day per violation, if the notification is not issued.

Direct any questions to your Compliance Officer,
Maine Drinking Water Program (207) 287-2070

Boil Water Order

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER UNLESS IT HAS BEEN BOILED!!!!

E. Coli bacteria were found in the water supply of _____ [System name] , _____ [PWSID] during _____ [Compliance begin date] to _____ [Compliance end date].

What should you do?

USE BOTTLED WATER OR BOIL THE WATER FOR FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE USING IT. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, food preparation, or in any other activity involving consumption of water until further notice.

Possible Health Effects

Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water in general from their health care providers.

Steps _____ [System name] is taking to correct the problem:

_____.

We will inform you when additional samples show no coliform bacteria and you may drink the water. We anticipate resolving the problem within _____ (estimated timeframe). For more information, please contact _____ (name) of _____ [System name] at _____ (phone) or _____ (address).

Date Notice Posted: _____

CERTIFICATION

(Complete this certification form and forward it, along with a copy of the public notification as it was posted/issued, to the Maine Drinking Water Program.)

Public Water System Name:

PWSID Number:

Violation: Total Coliform Bacteria Acute Violation

_____ [Compliance begin date] **to** _____ [Compliance end date].

I _____ (print name) hereby certify and attest that I have notified consumers about the above listed violation in accordance with the delivery, content, format requirements, and deadlines as specified in 40 CFR Subpart Q and 22 MRSA Subsection 2615.

Notice was distributed by _____ on _____.
(Person's name) (Date)

by _____ .
(Method used)

(Signature) (Date)

Drinking Water Advisory

Date: _____

Drinking Water at the _____, has initially tested positive for Total Coliform bacteria. Recheck samples will be taken to confirm the presence of Total Coliform bacteria. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. As a result, it is recommended that consumers **Boil All Water** for at least 5 minutes before drinking, making ice cubes, washing foods, brushing teeth or other activity requiring human consumption. This should be done until further notice!

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to:

_____ at

or to the

State of Maine Drinking Water Program at
(207) 287-2070 during normal business hours.